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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

REF: A) ROME 16239; B) STATE 262898

1. IF MIGLIUOLO IS AVAILABLE FOR MEETING WITH ENDERS
AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 18 IN PARIS AS PROPOSED IN PARA 2A REF B,
WE WOULD EXPECT SESSION TO BE INFORMAL AND IN ANY EVENT NOT
A FULL EWG MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION FROM THE ENTIRE
GAMUT OF INTERESTED US AND ITALIAN AGENCIES. WE WOULD
HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PRESENCE OF REPS OF OTHER INTERESTED
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GOI MINISTRIES ALREADY IN PARIS FOR THE GB/R&D MINISTERIAL.

WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO STAGE A FULL EWG MEETING NOVEMBER 22 IN ROME AS SUGGESTED BY MIGLIUOLO. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IEA GB MEETING WILL BE RECONVENED ON THAT DATE.

2. IF ITALIANS PRESS FOR A FULL MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION OF INTERESTED MINISTRIES, WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TIME FRAMES FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION:

-- DURING DECEMBER 3-4 WASHINGTON VISIT OF HIGH LEVEL FINANCIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY MIGLIUOLO; OR

-- IN ROME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE IEA GB MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER.

3. WE WOULD PREFER DEFERRING ANY FINAL DECISION ON DATE FOR A FULL EWG UNTIL AFTER HAVING DISCUSSED THE QUESTION WITH MIGLIUOLO NEXT WEEK IN PARIS.

4. WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO MIGLIUOLO'S CONCERN OVER MAINTAINING SUPPORT OF OTHER GOI MINISTRIES ON INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING IEA AND EWG. WE ARE SOMEWHAT PERPLEXED, HOWEVER, BY ALLEGED DISSATISFACTION WITH APPARENT "SLOW PACE" OF EWG MATTERS NOTED IN REF A -- PARTICULARLY WHEN WE HAVE BEEN AWAITING SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER EWG ITALIAN COMMENTS UPON A NUMBER OF OUR EWG INITIATIVES (PARA 3 REF B). THESE INITIATIVES WOULD APPEAR TO BE OF INTEREST PRECISELY TO THOSE GOI AGENCIES WHICH ARE REPORTEDLY CRITICIZING US FOR SLOW PACE OF EWG ACTIVITIES -- E.G., CNEN, AGIP NUCLEARE, ENEL, AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. INGERSOLL

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